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**IN RECOGNITION OF Northeast Wisconsin's 2021 Veteran of the Year, Ryan Lonergan.**

**HON. MIKE GALLAGHER**  
OF WISCONSIN  
IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
*Tuesday, November 23, 2021*

**Mr. Gallagher.** Madam Speaker, it is my honor to recognize Northeast Wisconsin's 2021 Veteran of the Year, Ryan Lonergan. His service on and off the battlefield, his dedication to fellow veterans, and his devotion to Wisconsin's 8th Congressional District makes him well-deserving of this recognition.

The Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year is chosen annually by a selection committee consisting of members from the veteran and civilian community. It recognizes veterans in Northeast Wisconsin who continue to demonstrate service, excellence, and dedication in all that they do.

A native of Southeastern Wisconsin, Ryan served 6 years in the Army National Guard including a 2009 deployment to Iraq. During Ryan's service he received numerous medals and achievements, including but not limited to, the Army Achievement Medal, Army Good Conduct Medal, National Defense Service Ribbon, Global War on Terrorism Service Medal, and Iraq Campaign Medal with Campaign Star.

Ryan's service to his fellow veterans and dedication to our country did not stop upon returning home. Ryan has been a tireless advocate and ally for veterans in the Fox Valley and Northeast Wisconsin. Every day he helps veterans transition to civilian life by providing crucial job and career preparation. Two incredible examples of Ryan's continued support of the veteran community include working with the Outagamie County Veteran Service Officer to find a home

for a World War Two veteran's Purple Heart and connecting the next of kin of a local Navy Seal with his ribbons and medals which included a Silver Star with Valor and Navy Seal Trident.

Ryan has remained dedicated to creating and cultivating a strong veteran community in the Fox Valley. He plays a key role in organizing an annual archery event and has partnered with numerous local businesses to coordinate extraordinary experiences for our veterans. From his help with Wheels for Warriors to his Fragout Podcast, Ryan continues to advocate for his fellow veterans.

Madam Speaker, I once again congratulate Ryan Lonergan for his service to Northeast Wisconsin and the veteran community, and on being the 2021 Northeast Wisconsin Veteran of the Year. Northeast Wisconsin can be proud of the many great veterans who call the 8th Congressional District home, and I urge all colleagues to join me in recognizing these outstanding men and women.